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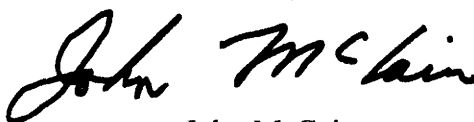
Dear Director:

I wish to bring to your attention a matter concerning **Ex. 6** who would like to have a park built in the East Valley.

Because the situation is under your jurisdiction, I am respectfully referring this matter to you for consideration. I feel that this issue would be better addressed by you and request that you respond directly to **Ex. 6**.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John McCain
United States Senator

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Ex. 6

January 8, 2007

e-mail: Ex. 6

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am writing all of you, hoping I can encourage you to consider a request. It is a request for the people of the East Valley area of Maricopa County: Tempe, Scottsdale, Mesa, Chandler, and Gilbert. This is a sizeable area that is growing daily. For the past 30 years I, and many others, have enjoyed the hobby of radio-controlled model sailboats and electric-powered scale boats. Being wind and electrically powered, they make no noise and neighborhoods are not disturbed.

The problem in the East Valley is having a lake or pond that is suitable for this hobby. The local parks that have lakes are busy with many other types of recreation. Some lakes are set aside for fishing only. Others have conditions that make them unsuitable for model yachting for a variety of reasons. Model yachting has no suitable place here!

Although model yachting is not a very popular hobby, other cities in other states have set aside lakes especially for the model yachting enthusiasts: New York, Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis, Denver, San Francisco and San Diego to name a few.

This East Valley area has an abundance of B.L.M. open land with available water. A 50 or 100 acre site could be set aside for a recreational park. Besides a badly needed model yacht pond this park could also have walking trails, bike trails, a skateboard area, and an electric model race car area. Although baseball fields and soccer fields abound in the area, these could also be included. This park would be enjoyed by everyone and it's something that is needed badly here in the East Valley.

Gentleman, please consider this request to build a beautiful park for the people of the East Valley. If you have any questions, I will be glad to meet with you or talk to you on the phone or even via e-mail.

Respectfully yours,

Ex. 6

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Ex. 6

Dear Ex. 6:

This letter is in response to your recent request dated January 8, 2007, to Senator McCain for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to provide land in the east valley of Maricopa County, Arizona, for a model yacht park.

The Recreation & Public Purposes (R&PP) Act provides for a discount price on leases and/or purchases of land for recreation purposes to qualified nonprofit organizations. This discount is 50 percent of the appraised fair market value, except only a 10 percent discount may be applied if the use is restricted and not open to all individuals. As an alternative, you may choose to work in cooperation with a city in the east valley or Maricopa County to apply for an R&PP with the BLM, as there is no cost to governmental entities for recreation purposes.

Enclosed is a brochure which explains the application process in further detail. If you decide to pursue a lease/purchase under the R&PP Act, then you should contact Kevin Harper, Lower Sonoran Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, at 623-580-5500.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael A. Taylor

Michael A. Taylor
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Enclosure

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